

12/8/17 "After the game, the king and the pawn go into the same box." -Italian Proverb

HW: "Remainder and Factor Theorem" worksheet Exercise Set A #1a-d
Test 2 on Tuesday 12/19

AIM: What are the Remainder and Factor Theorems?

Warm Up:
On Handout

$$\text{Let } P(x) = 3x^5 + 5x^4 - 4x^3 + 7x + 3$$

(a) Find the quotient and remainder when $P(x)$ is divided by $x+2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{3x}^4 - 1x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1 + \frac{5}{x+2} \\
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 x+2 \overline{) 3x^5 + 5x^4 - 4x^3 + 0x^2 + 7x + 3} \\
 \underline{-(3x^5 + 6x^4)} \\
 -1x^4 - 4x^3 \\
 \underline{-(-1x^4 - 2x^3)} \\
 -2x^3 + 0x^2 \\
 \underline{-(-2x^3 - 4x^2)} \\
 4x^2 + 7x \\
 \underline{-(4x^2 + 8x)} \\
 -1x + 3 \\
 \underline{-(-1x - 2)} \\
 5
 \end{array}$$

$\frac{3x^5}{x} = 3x^4$
 $\frac{-2x^3}{x} = -2x^2$
 $\frac{4x^2}{x} = 4x$

(b) Find $P(-2)$

← Plug -2
in for x in $P(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(-2) &= 3(-2)^5 + 5(-2)^4 - 4(-2)^3 + 7(-2) + 3 \\
 P(-2) &= 5
 \end{aligned}$$

Remainder Theorem:

If the polynomial $P(x)$ is divided by $x - c$, then the remainder is the value $P(c)$.

1) Set the divisor = 0 and solve for x .

2) Plug that value into the Polynomial to get the remainder

1. Let $P(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1$. Find $P(3)$ using 2 different methods.

Method
1

$$P(3) = 3^3 - 2(3)^2 + 3(3) - 1$$

$$P(3) = 17$$

That is the value
we get when we
set the divisor = 0

Method
2

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{) \begin{array}{l} x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1 \\ - (x^3 - 3x^2) \\ \hline 1x^2 + 3x \\ - (x^2 - 3x) \\ \hline 6x - 1 \\ - (6x - 18) \\ \hline 17 \end{array} } \\
 \overline{) \begin{array}{l} x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 1 \\ - (x^3 - 3x^2) \\ \hline 1x^2 + 3x \\ - (x^2 - 3x) \\ \hline 6x - 1 \\ - (6x - 18) \\ \hline 17 \end{array} }
 \end{array}$$

$x = 3$ comes
from
 $(x - 3)$

Factor Theorem:

A polynomial $P(x)$ has a factor of $x - c$ if and only if $P(c) = 0$.

⊗ If there is no remainder then the divisor is a factor. If we plug in the value we get when setting the division $= 0$ into the polynomial

2. Show that $x - 2$ is a factor of $P(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 7x - 10$.

$$x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

$$P(2) = 2^3 - 3(2)^2 + 7(2) - 10$$

$$P(2) = 0$$

↑

Therefore

$x - 2$ is a factor of $P(x)$

and get 0
then it's
a factor.

3. (a) Use the factor theorem to show that $x+3$ is a factor of $P(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 12$

(b) Factor $P(x)$ completely.

4. Let $P(x) = x^3 - 7x + 6$.

(a) Show that $P(1) = 0$

(b) Factor $P(x)$ completely.

5. Find a polynomial of degree 4 that has zeros $-3, 0, 1$, and 5 .

